

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office Communication of October 27, 2003, calling for comment to the patentability of claim 103 newly added in Applicants' response filed July 14, 2003, it is not seen where in any of the prior art is an article comprising a sample exposure region and a semiconductor nanowire, at least a portion of which is addressable by a sample in the sample exposure region, taught, suggested, or disclosed. Consequently, it is believed that claim 103 is patentable over the prior art.

The remainder of Applicants' response filed July 14, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference.

The Specification has been amended to acknowledge government funding.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representatives at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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